



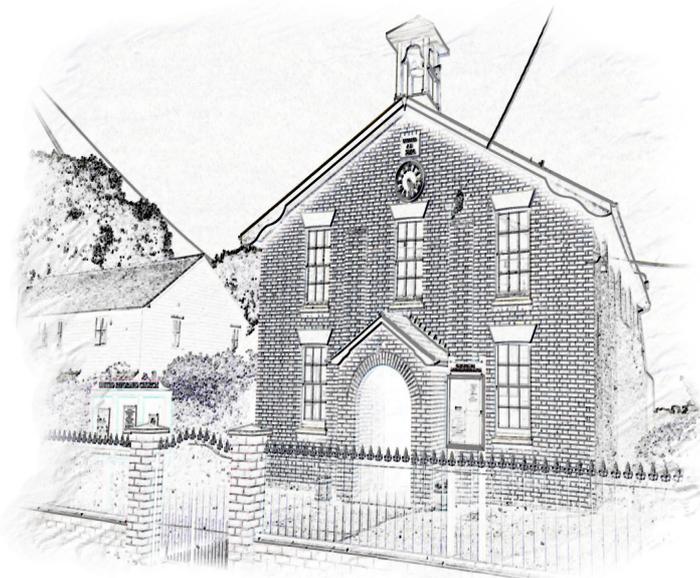
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Sawston FC Regular Church Activities but please check diary below for full details or contact the relevant group.

Sunday	Every Sunday 1 st Sunday of month 2 nd Sunday of month 3 rd Sunday of month 4 th Sunday of month 5 th Sunday of month	10.30 am 3.00 pm 10.30 am 6.00 pm 6.00 pm 6.30 pm	Morning Worship Messy Church No evening service Holy Communion as part of Morning Worship Quiet Time with God Evening Communion Go4th Praise Service (No evening service
Monday	Alternate - see diary	10.00 am	Craft Group
Tuesday	Term time only	6.15 – 9.00 pm	Boys' and Girls' Brigades
Wednesday	Fortnightly see diary	2.00 pm	Wednesday Fellowship
Thursday	Term time only	10.30 – noon	Time for Tots
Saturday	Last Saturday of month	10.30 am	Monthly Prayer Meeting
For further details of these activities, please contact one of the Elders (see back page). Four housegroups meet regularly. For information contact the Minister or Church Secretaries.			

Three Churches Services and Dates for Your Diary

Date	Sawston	Lt Abington	Castle Camps
Sun 1 Jan	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rev Paul Whittle	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mrs Liz Wade	- No Service
Wed 4 Jan	2.00pm Wednesday Fellowship (page 9)		
Sun 8 Jan	10.30am: Morning Worship - David Lloyd 3.00pm Messy Church	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mr Richard Lewney	10.30am: Holy Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron
Mon 9 Jan	10am – Craft Group (page 10) 2.00pm Prayer for Sawston (page 3)		
Sat 14 Jan	Sawston Workday (page 11)		
Sun 15 Jan	10.30am: Covenant Service - Rev Bruce Waldron	2.30pm: Holy Communion - Rev Bruce Waldron	10.30am: Family Service - Mr Bob Parkin
Mon 16 Jan	10am – Craft Group (page 10)		
Wed 18 Jan	2.00pm Wednesday Fellowship (page 9)		
Sun 22 Jan	10.30am: Morning Worship – Rev Bruce Waldron	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mrs Mary Whittle	10.30am: Morning Worship - Mrs Maureen Kendall
Sun 29 Jan	10.30am: Morning Worship - Faith Paulding 6.30pm: Go4th	10.15am: Morning Worship - Mr Alex Jacobs	10.30am: United Service at URC - Rev Bruce Waldron
Mon 30 Jan	10am – Craft Group (page 10)		

This diary also appears on the website. If you know of anything else you would like on the web diary, please email contact@sawston.com.

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January 8	Alan Cleveland 834742		January 22	John Newton 562873	
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From the Minister's Desk

Bits of Worship

When Sharing Time Comes

*Every Sunday we have a Sharing Time.
Why, and what's it about?*

Sharing time is not:

- ◇ a time tell people what's going to happen next week.
- ◇ a time to advertise things.
- ◇ a time to tell people what they ought to be doing.

That's administration. We have our "Notices" time at the end of worship for that.

Sharing Time is a part of our worship. It is when each person has a chance to talk about:

- Somewhere that they have seen God at work and want to give God thanks with their whole church family.
- Somewhere that they have seen God's presence and want to tell their church family about it.
- Something that has come up that they want their church family to pray about.
- Something that is coming up and they want prayer, to know which way to go.
- Something great that has happened and they want to rejoice with all the people who travel the faith path with them.
- Something that they have just realised about faith, or are puzzling about their faith, and want to share it with their community of faith.

Sharing Time:

- θ Encourages each other, to hear that God is at work
- θ Supports each other. We can pray for each other
- θ Reinforces each other. The problems you grapple with help other people to know their questions and battles aren't isolated.
- θ Celebrates with each other. We are a community, a family, and we travel with each other.
- θ Is a time to listen, with compassion and care, and a will to hear God speaking to us.

We always have a prayer time after Sharing Time. It's not so much about spoken words, as about time to hold, together, before God, all that has been shared, and all that hasn't been shared. In a community of faith, there is always so much going on that we do not know about, or do know about and cannot speak.

I so often have people telling me, after worship, how important the Sharing Time is to them, even if they've had nothing to say. It builds Christian family, Christian Community, and after all, that's a significant part of what church is about, isn't it.

I hope it is for you.

Bruce

Reflections on a month in Australia, and coming home for Christmas



On Saturday 24th November, we said goodbye to our son David, his wife Jasmine, and our grandchildren Talia(15) and Rowan(10). After a month of shuttling between his place in Ballarat and Allison's place in Geelong, the time had come to prepare for departure. It is hard saying goodbye when you know there is every chance you will not see people you love dearly for around 2-3 years. We carried back to Sawston many reminders of how much we love and appreciate them.

So, we said goodbye and went back to spend the last couple of days with Allison and her husband Aaron, their two beautiful children, Logan and Alexandra.

On Sunday night, Allison and Aaron did the most beautiful thing; they organised a Christmas Tea, with Christmas Crackers and a roast and exchange of presents. It was at once the most beautiful and the most heart wrenching event, because we will not share another Christmas with them for a long time.

People often say to me, it must have been hard coming home? My answer has been, "It wasn't hard coming home because we received such a lovely warm welcome home and were surrounded by so much love and welcome. It was hard leaving our family."

It wasn't hard coming home.

We were welcomed with such warmth and friendship, and the relationships I have with people here are very precious to me. Added to that was the superb work that people did to make my first chance to worship with my church again, such a wonderful occasion. I came back to the Messy Christingle, wonderfully put together and led by the Messy Church team and all their helpers and it was a great service to be at. All I had to do was welcome people and play my guitar, along with Nicholas and Lucy. At this moment, writing, I am so looking forward to Sunday and sharing Communion with everyone, and I look forward with excitement regarding Sunday night at Castle Camps Carols with their Christmas Tree Festival display and the great sound of the Hadstock Silver Band. I know it's



going to be great. And I'm also waiting expectantly to see what our Junior Church team have put together for the Junior Church Nativity Sunday week. It's always out of the box and a lot of fun. So, no, it wasn't hard coming home. Leaving was difficult.

Life is full of these types of dichotomies. We leave childhood behind to take up being adults. We leave the age of schools behind to take up work and professional identity. Some of our church family have had to say goodbye to their children, one of them going off to do his Ph.D. in Australia. It's hard leaving what we know and love but we have to if we are to discover what adventure God is taking us to next. At the end of our lives, we leave physical life behind to take up an existence beyond our imaginations.

For me, Christmas promises me the hope of the New Year. It is a sign of the God who is with us. God who has been with me in the past is already ahead of me in next year and is travelling with me as I progress towards it. God who was with me in my formative years in Australia, is with me now in the UK, and will be with me when I focus on retirement and returning to Australia.

God who gives me His presence, who gives me Christian community/family, is there wherever I am, in whatever era I am in, and his presence binds me to all of them. He is the great reconciliation of people, time and place; through faith He holds us together with, as the liturgy goes, "God's people of all time and place." St Paul wrote, "**He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**" (Colossians 1:17)

You're never be alone when you walk the way with Jesus. As He once said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21) God is with you as you step into tomorrow.

I look forward to this year and I know that God will be with me. Here's hoping you are the same.

Bruce

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Prayer for Sawston Monthly meeting

**Monday 9th January 2.00pm – 3.00pm
in Room 1 at Sawston Free Church .**

Come and join other Christians who live and work in Sawston on the first Monday of every month to lift the needs of our community to God: those who live here, those who work here, the schools, the shops the businesses and our village life.

If you are unable to come along, please spend time in prayer sometime during the day. Please let us know if you feel there are things we should be praying for. Please share with us any scriptures that the Lord places on your heart as we pray for God's Kingdom to come in our community.

If you would like to receive our monthly prayer notes by email please contact Dianne
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From Our Friends at Castle Camps and Little Abington



We are pleased to see Bruce and Sharn back, after their month away in Australia with their family and glad that it went so well.

At the beginning of December, we welcomed again Castle Camps Primary School for their Advent service. There were over 100 pupils, plus many parents and the chapel was full, requiring us to use the balcony. Bruce welcomed everyone and then the pupils led the service. The singing was outstanding, with a soloist and class choir. The rendition of Silent Night was particularly memorable, in that it almost raised the roof!

It was pleasing to welcome Rev. Nicola Brown, from the Linton ministry, who gave the address. After the service, we all enjoyed squash and biscuits, before the children walked back to school.

At the time of writing this, we are busy organising our second Christmas Tree Festival.

Families in the village are busy creating their own Christmas tree arrangements (last year they were very inventive) and it will be interesting to see these, particularly with regard to holly, with the scarcity of berries locally due to the birds! To help us to attract more people to view the festival, Tony Searle has kindly produced a large wooden Christmas tree (***aren't all trees made of wood?-Editor***), to be lit up outside of the chapel.

We are looking forward to our Service of Lessons and Carols, with Hadstock Silver Band and always enjoy the fellowship afterwards over coffee and mince pies. To help the bandmen this year in seeing their music, we are having some additional lights installed.

We have completed the Preaching Plan for 2017 and as well as our regular preachers, we shall also welcome two new participants, John Luke and Joshua Thomas.

We extend our sympathy to Paul Sherville on the passing of his wife, Pamela.

We send our best wishes for 2017 and God's blessing to you all.

Mary Norden and Friends.



Amazing Engineering

We have just experienced a period of rather cold weather. This set me thinking of how fortunate we are to live at a time and in a place where we can be so comfortable. Many houses now have central heating or at least a back boiler to heat the water and store it in a tank until needed for washing and cleaning.

I began to imagine the wonders of physics. I hated physics at school and understood very little of what I was supposed to be learning, but in later life I have found physics to be one of the most useful, practical things I was taught, though I did not recognise them as physics at the time.

The “Law of Levers” was one thing that bored me and that I thought was particularly useless.

I now realise that this is what I use when trundling my wheelbarrow and shifting bags of heavy compost.

The plumber who mends a central heating boiler is always greeted with relief, but he can only work his magic because of the laws of physics which decree that warm water rises and cold water sinks down.

Electricians can only work their magic because of the rules of conductivity

Who made order out of chaos and put these amazing constants in place?

Why does the sun get weaker and the days get shorter, so the leaves drop off the trees and plants, which in turn fertilises and regenerates the soil ?

Who causes ice to expand and break up the soil to form a tilth?

What an amazingly lucky thing it is for all of us that all these things happen.

Every plumber, electrician, farmer, mechanic, housewife, everybody in the world in fact (though they often choose to deny it) owes their skill and expertise to the most amazing engineer who enables us to function in his world.

We are so hard hearted that he must feel like giving up on us. The most mind blowing thing of all is that he never will.

Val Spencer.



A Prayer for New Year

*God, I am impressed by all I meant to do in this past year, and failed,
the way I have wasted time.*

*Time chases me relentlessly and saps my strength
- another year has disappeared behind me.*

*Yet something has been gained:
you have made rich my home and the life here,*

*Lord: you have even sometimes
enabled us to be part of the richness of others.*

*My fears you have often turned into relief
when I caught up with them.*

*I know you a little better than I did,
your changeless, infinite patience and forgiveness,*

*There have been a few good milestones too,
small triumphs, and victories not so little for those I love the best.*

*The New Year daunts me with the fears of unknown possibilities,
yet comforts me because of fresh beginnings.*

*I'm so thankful God that time is nothing to you,
the end or the beginning,
that you will never grow old or tired,
never get perplexed,
that nothing is too big or unexpected for you
to have grasped and overcome already.*

*Thank you that you have always been our home,
safe beyond measure or telling, and so will always be.*

(By Helen Lee, based on Psalm 90: 1-4)



Moses and the Red Sea

A nine-year-old was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

'Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely.

Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements.

They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.'

"Now is that really what your teacher taught you?" his Mother asked.

'Well, no, Mum. But if I told you the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'



Hymns For The Ageing

--Precious Lord, Take My Hand (And Help Me Stand Up)

--It Is Well With My Soul (But My Back Hurts)

--Nobody Knows The Trouble I Have - Seeing

--Amazing Grace (I've Got This Far)

--Just A Slower Walk With Thee

--Count Your Many Birthdays, Name Them One By One

--Go Tell It On The Mountain (And Speak Up)

--Give Me That Old Timer's Religion

--Blessed Insurance

--Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (I've Forgotten Where I Parked)



Kindly provided by:
Revd Howard Drysdale, working with sailors in
Aberdeen.



Prayer Diary For January

Week 1: 1st – 7th

- As the year begins, we pray for the people who are enduring terrible hardship through war and the famine of everything that attends war.
 - Pray for the people of the Yemen, and for a world that can spend billions in the machinery of war but balks at millions to look after the victims whose homes, families and communities have been destroyed.
 - Pray for the peacemakers, the healers, the compassionate who put their lives in jeopardy to help in these terrifying places.
 - Pray for the shattered, bereaved, abused and traumatised, still trapped there, or perhaps fleeing to hostile receptions in places that don't want to know.
- This week, on Tuesday, our Brigades Staff will be meeting to plan the year ahead. Fabric Committee will also be meeting tonight. We thank God for these people who give of their time and faith and energy to work for God's kingdom on our behalf
- On Thursday night the Elders will be meeting. Please pray for them.

Week 2: 8th – 14th

- This week, please may we hold the people of Syria in our prayers.
 - Those still trapped in the midst of the brutality of war and all that carries with it
 - Those who have fled for their lives, or to try and save the lives of their loved ones.
 - It is often the tragedy of refugee exodus, that on the way refugees lose the very people they have left the country to save, and are then vilified, particularly if they are men, for being refugees. Please pray for the bereaved amongst the refugees.
- This week, on Sunday the 8th, Messy Church begins the new year. Please pray for all the people involved.
- On Wednesday, the Faith in Life series begins again at 22 London Road (Kate's home). A place to discuss how our faith and our living intersect.
- Please pray for FISH (our Wednesday morning house-group) as they begin the year.
- Time for Tots will be back in action. Both in prayer and action, we support their ministry.

Week 3: 15th – 21st

- This week please pray for the John Huntingdon trust, and our supporters of food-banks.
 - It is one of the great ironies of our time that a country can support trillions of pounds being poured into armaments yet millions of people have to recourse to foodbanks to feed their families. We give thanks for the compassion of people who contribute, who give their lives to this supportive type of work.
 - We pray for an end to the madness of war and poverty and the inescapable co-relation of the two.
- Prayer please for our sister churches, Castle Camps URC and Little Abington URC

Week 4: 22nd – 31st

- Would you spend some time this week praying for your neighbours.
- We all pray for our families constantly. Prayers this week might be focussed on families we know are in turmoil
- Our prayers this week are focussed on the work of our Synod, our Moderator and the team of people who work with him for the work of our wider church.
- Our sister churches in Sawston, particularly Our Lady of Lourdes as Brother Raf comes to the conclusion of his ministry as their priest. We hold him too in our prayers.

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The Atheist and the Bear

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods. 'What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!' he said to himself.

As he continued walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes. Turning to look, he saw a 7 foot grizzly charging towards him.

He ran as fast as he could up the path. Looking over his shoulder he saw that the bear was closing in on him. His heart was pumping frantically and he tried to run even faster.

He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear raising his paw to take a swipe at him.

At that instant the atheist cried out: 'Oh my God!...'

Time stopped. The bear froze. The forest was silent.

It was then that a bright light shone upon the man and a voice came out of the sky saying:

'You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?'

The atheist looked directly into the light.

'It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps, could you make the BEAR a Christian?'

'Very well,' said the voice. The light went out, and the sounds of the forest resumed.

And then the bear lowered his paw, bowed his head and spoke: 'Lord, bless this food which I am about to receive and for which I am truly thankful, Amen.'

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Wednesday Fellowship 2017

We meet alternate Wednesdays from 2 – 4 pm in Sawston Free Church.

The meeting always commences with a Bible reading and prayers, followed by any notices.

New members are always very welcome both young and old. Please come along and join us for a cup of tea and friendly chat.

The program for January:

4 January	Members afternoon – bring a well loved Christmas card or Christmas gift you have received
18 January	AGM

Contact Janet Parr for more information: 832840

Brexit on our side of the Atlantic, and Donald Trump on the other.

I'm sure we've all noticed how commentators are picking up the deeply worrying similarities - an angry and alienated sub-population who believe that those who govern do not really care what happens to them; the danger of a weak and divided society with different groups hiding behind their walls, and so on.

Did you listen to this year's BBC radio Reith Lectures by Prof Kwame Appiah? (All four are on the BBC website, and lovely easy reading they are, too.)

They have been about what makes us who we are, and what we need to do in order to stay together happily - remarkably apposite, as it turns out, given that they must have been planned well over a year ago.

His lectures were on four Cs - Creed, Country, Colour and Culture - four things which (we like to think) tell us who we are. His primary theme was firstly that we are none of us who we like to think we are (do you watch *Who Do You think You Are?*), and secondly - crucially - that to live together successfully, we all need to allow who we are to change. To set any of those four 'C's in concrete is to invite disaster, he said. To set all of them in concrete is to be certain of disaster. (According to Appiah, we can even change our colour in an important (but not literal) sense. Changing isn't a betrayal of our past, says Appiah. Changing well is how we honour who we once were.

Now as it happens, I have been slaving away for several weeks reviewing Rowan Williams' new book on St Augustine - the great fourth century saint of Hippo, not the first archbishop of Canterbury. (Unless you enjoy highly technical theological discourse, I don't recommend it, brilliant though it is.) What Prof Appiah is saying is far from new.

I have been reminded that the great saint taught us that we never truly know who we are. If we think we do, we are deceiving ourselves. We might just possibly know who we were, but who we are in this moment is not there for us to know. By the time we look in the mirror to see who it is, we are looking at history.

Who we are right now is known only to the God who loves us into tomorrow, says Augustine. The present moment is not there to be looked at, but to be lived out. And when we live it out properly - for others and for God, rather than for ourselves - we live it as people fearlessly open to being tomorrow's new creation.

This is part of what St Paul means by there being neither Jew nor Greek and so on. We might think that we are a Jew or a Greek right now, but if we step into God's tomorrow (as opposed to our own) there will be no Jews and no Greeks. We shall care not one jot which we, or anyone else, used to be. All we shall care about is that we are living out our life with and for the rest of God's children.

Augustine isn't talking about heaven when we die. He's talking about *tomorrow*.

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Sawston Free Church - Craft Group

We meet in the back hall of the Church on alternate Monday mornings between 10am and 12 noon. Anyone is very welcome to drop in for a coffee and a chat even if they are not working on a craft project.

Dates for January: 9th, 16th and 30th



For more information please contact Yvonne (01223) 473937 or Pam 834220

Oh How We Love Housework! - SFC



There is something quite satisfying when you finish the housework and it looks really nice. Although it can be tiring, there is the reward of knowing that, if friends call around, you can invite them in and feel happy that your house looks clean, tidy and welcoming.

That same satisfaction can be felt by the 'Geriatric Grime-busting Team' also known as the Church Working Party every couple of months.

Under Gordon's all seeing eyes, a small group of us turn up in all weathers to keep our church looking good. This also helps to prevent small problems becoming big problems which can be expensive to put right.

There can be downsides; It can be very frustrating to see a lovely, newly painted wall, covered in marks and scuffs, a couple of days later.

It isn't all doom and gloom – you get a great view from the top of the scaffold tower!

*Church workdays can be lots of fun.
It's hard work, but has to be done.*

*We paint, we scrub
clean gutters too.
We keep it nice for me and you.*

*It is hard work, I can't deny.
So come and join us,
and give it a try.*

*We have a natter and a laugh
then head home, for a well-earned bath!*

We enjoy a really good supply of tea, coffee and cake at regular intervals, happy banter and fun and sometimes, when Rosemary is practising on the organ, we have music while we work.

It's amazing how much laughter you can have when you are soaking wet while doing the garden in the rain or on your hands and (arthritis) knees scrubbing the toilet floors.

There are plenty of jobs to do, there is a great feeling of fellowship, and pleasure that your house (or God's church) looks clean, tidy and welcoming.

Please come and join us, **Your Church Needs You**

Pauline and Mike Purdy

Sawston Free Church

Our January Workday will be on 14th January 8am to 1pm Our planned work will include clearing gutters, cleaning windows, tidying the grounds, refreshing paintwork, clearing up after Christmas. Let's all turn up and make our buildings reflect our Christian purpose. I hope you will be moved to come along and help. (New Years Resolution?)

Please let me know that you will be there so I can plan who does what.

Gordon Heald



For All The Family

Cryptic Clues For Birds



1. Blackpool has a large one of these
2. Under par at golf
3. Lady Sailor
4. Flying Toy
5. Movement, left or right
6. Royal Angler
7. A Prank
8. Chess Piece
9. One who conceals themselves
10. Rapid Move
11. Bend Quickly
12. News Carrier
13. Act of Theft
14. Sometimes difficult to undo
15. You can lift with this
16. Section of hill top
17. Land and travel fee
18. Bright coloured tool
19. Grain husk and twelfth of a foot
20. Precious Hill Top

21. Very Blustery Evening
22. Eating Action
23. This name could be given to William the Barber
24. Shell Seizer
25. He could have been the wizard
26. Greedy Person
27. Street or room decoration
28. Babies Mouth Infection
29. These tunnel underground
30. Mrs Ross' son, Albert
31. Could describe a couple of beers
32. Scottish musician playing on the sand
33. Heavenly Jape
34. Timber Rooster
35. Part of a timber joint
36. To carry about for sale

Some clues are truly cryptic..... You are bound to think ...OHHHHHHH if you need the answer!!

Answers on Page 14

SAWSTON'S MOST COVETED MEMORIAL – Grade II listed (Dec 1986)

(with thanks to Bryan Howe)

“Here standeth a cross covered with tyles” the vewe of ye sayde Lordshippes or Mannors of Pyrates, Dernford, Huntyngdons and the Dale in Sawston taken the tenthe daye of May An dni: 1580 by John Paxton.

Extract from a contribution by a Cambridge correspondent “T.N” in the Gentleman’s Magazine 1815

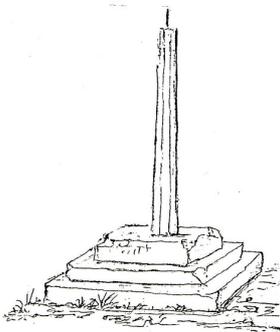
This summer I fulfilled my long standing promise of spending a day with an old schoolfellow in Sawston, a pleasant little village seven miles south of Cambridge. After enjoying his hospitality we set out for a ramble and suddenly found ourselves in the midst of a group of people near the road leading to the church.

They were holding a conversation on a grass plot; from the centre of which rose a cross, enclosed in a small covered building, like an amphitheatre, that added not a little to the romantic appearance of the village; toward the bottom of the southern slope of the grass-plot, propped with uncommon care, and guarded by a holy zeal from the ravages of time, stood an ancient sycamore tree, and on the eastern side, to the terror of evil-doers, stood the stocks. Alas, these last features have since disappeared.

My friend, taking me aside said the meeting was convened by residents to consider selling the cross. This cross he said is the ornament of the village. It had escaped the rage of the puritans in the civil war because of its antiquity and when it was built is uncertain. It had probably been erected by the Knights Templars. So early as the thirteenth century, public officers sat on this cross to administer justice, and said my friend “we possess it as an inheritance from our forefathers, but at this moment the cupidity and folly of the covetous and ignorant are conspiring to destroy this venerable relic”.

Wishing to preserve a memoranda of the old cross I took a hasty sketch of it, and passing through the village in the following autumn, I found that the inhabitants had sacrilegiously levelled the cross and sold the remnants.

Extract from ‘History of Sawston’ part II by T.F.Teversham, 1947



In the summer of 1815 the cross was removed for some reason; in process of these operations the top of the cross was broken off and for the following 70 years only the shaft remained.



In the 1880's another cross was refitted and later on in 1919 there were further alterations, the cross being adapted to form the central feature of the Village War Memorial



The Cross was raised on a new foundation of Cornish Granite.

The iron railings were removed at the same time and replaced by a surround of a more dignified character.

Answers – Birds (Page 12)

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|----|---------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | Dipper | 21 | Nightingale |
| 2 | Eagle | 22 | Swallow |
| 3 | Wren | 23 | Razorbill |
| 4 | Kite | 24 | Oyster Catcher |
| 5 | Tern | 25 | Merlin |
| 6 | Kingfisher | 26 | Gannet |
| 7 | Lark | 27 | Bunting |
| 8 | Rook | 28 | Thrush |
| 9 | Eider | 29 | Mina |
| 10 | Swift | 30 | Albatross |
| 11 | Duck | 31 | Toucan |
| 12 | Pigeon | 32 | Sandpiper |
| 13 | Robin | 33 | Skylark |
| 14 | Knot | 34 | Woodcock |
| 15 | Crane | 35 | Dove |
| 16 | Partridge | 36 | Hawk |
| 17 | Fieldfare | | |
| 18 | Yellow Hammer | | |
| 19 | Chaffinch | | |
| 20 | Goldcrest | | |

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Events for January 2017

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All welcome to any of these events – please do bring your friends.
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JANUARY			
Tues 10 th	2.30pm	Fireside with Revd Alan Ashton. “From on note to sitting down” Alan tells his Methodist story from becoming a local preacher to ‘retirement’. All welcome.	Wesley
Mon 9 th	7.15 for 7.45pm	Science Meets Faith – Cells, Cancer and Christianity: a physicist’s perspective with Dr Rhoda Hawkins from the Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Sheffield. All welcome. Free admission – retiring collection.	Wesley
Thurs 12 th	7.30pm	Big Issues: ‘Jesus goes to the movies’. An introduction to exploring theology and spirituality through the best (and worst) of contemporary cinema with Revd Simon Oliver. A stimulating and at times controversial series of evenings to challenge your thinking. All welcome includes coffee, tea and delicious desserts.	Histon
Thurs 26 th	7.30pm	Big Issues: a Butterfly’s View of Conservation with Dr Ed Turner, University Museum of Zoology, Cambridge. A stimulating and at times controversial series of evenings to challenge your thinking. All welcome includes coffee, tea and delicious desserts.	Histon

February in brief:

- 8th Feb Fireside with Jennie & Paul Harris – Nepal revisited
- 9th Feb Big Issues Diabetes today with Martin Davies
- 13th Feb Science Meets Faith – Is It ethical to oppose modern plant breeding technologies? With Christobal Uauy of the John Innes Centre, Norwich.
- 23rd Feb Big Issues: Thinking again about marriage

Wishing all of our readers a Very Happy New Year.
New Years resolution – *‘I must send David an article....’*

David and Anne Nunn

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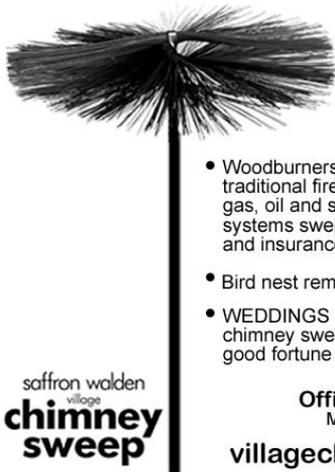
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